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## **County and City Offer Options For Yardwaste**

Many communities offering special collection for storm debris.

In response to Sunday's storm, many communities are offering special collection programs for yardwaste. To learn more about your community is offering, please visit your community website or call the administrative offices.

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District (District) and the City of Cincinnati offer options for residents who have storm debris. Listed below are options to assist residents with yardwaste clean-up.

## **Hamilton County Yardwaste Program**

Hamilton County residents can participate in the District's FREE Yardwaste Recycling Drop-Off sites on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through November 30, 2008.

The yardwaste sites are located at:

East\*: Turpin Farm, 3295 Turpin Ln. (off Rt. 32) in Anderson Township

West: Kuliga Park, 6717 Bridgetown Rd. in Green Township

North: Rumpke Sanitary Landfill, Struble Rd. and Colerain Ave. in Colerain Township

The drop-off sites accept materials such as leaves, grass clippings, brush, garden waste, tree trunks, and prunings from trees or shrubs. For more information about the yardwaste recycling drop-off program, please call the District at (513) 946-7755 or visit **www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org**.

<sup>\*</sup> The Turpin Farm location is also open during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## City of Cincinnati Yardwaste Program

The City of Cincinnati will accept all types of yardwaste, including grass clippings, leaves, branches and brush. City crews and contractors are out addressing downed trees and limbs in the following order:

- Major routes and thoroughfares
- Streets with only one access point
- Blocked driveways
- Houses

Residents are encouraged to follow the general guidelines for yardwaste collection, but some flexibility of these rules will be permitted during this time. The City will relax its procedures and pick up any tree limbs or branches brought to the curb.

- The City cannot go onto private property to get tree limbs and branches.
- The City will send crews as soon as possible; this may differ from your regular trash collection day.
- Leaves, small brush and sticks should be put either in a biodegradable brown paper yard waste bags, or in trash cans clearly marked "YARD WASTE".
- Yardwaste in plastic bags cannot be collected.

The City can only address trees and limbs where Duke Energy has been able to clear downed lines.

If you need to report trees and limbs in the public streets and curbs, please the City of Cincinnati's Customer Service Hotline at 591-6000 for more information. If you live outside of the City of Cincinnati, please call Hamilton County's Yardwaste Hotline at 946-7755.

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